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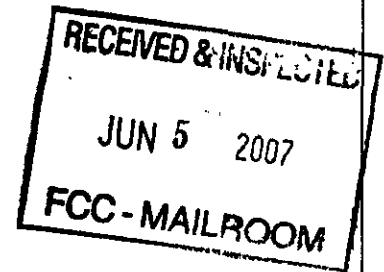
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Mr. Kevin J. Martin, Chairman  
Federal Communications Commission  
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Dear Mr. Chairman and Commissioners:

It is my understanding that the FCC is considering placing a cap on the use of the Universal Service Fund (USF) for wireless service. I would like to express my opposition to this proposal, which would result in a disservice to rural consumers. Rural customers need expanded and improved wireless services for public safety, economic development, business and personal needs that are equally important to them as they are to urban consumers.

Rural customers deserve the same access to telecom services that are available to other customers. Universal service support is essential if rural consumers are to be provided service and rates comparable to those available in urban areas. Much of the current availability of expanded wireless service in rural South Carolina is due to the benefits of the USF. I would not want to see those services diminished by a cap being place on the fund for wireless service.

As technology continues to play an ever-increasing role in economic growth and is critical in emergency situations, I respectfully request that you seek other means to slow fund growth then capping wireless service. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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